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To Accompany the Award of the  
**JOINT MERITORIOUS UNIT AWARD**  
to the

**JOINT TASK FORCE *SILVER WAKE***

The Joint Task Force ***SILVER WAKE*** distinguished itself by exceptionally meritorious service from 970312 to the present. During this period, Joint Task Force ***SILVER WAKE*** conducted operations demonstrating the ability, fortitude and perseverance to successfully respond to a short-notice international crisis in Albania. Through detailed coordination, foresight and innovative use of multiple resources in theater, the ***SILVER WAKE*** Staff oversaw the securing of a landing zone and the American Embassy compound in Tirana and effected the safe evacuation by air of four hundred American citizens. The Joint Task Force Staff's superb support of multi-national efforts also resulted in safe evacuation of over four hundred eighty foreign nationals from thirty different countries at the request of the Department Of State and rescued at sea of over one hundred refugees in distress. The JTF Staff supervised the Providing an ever-present visual deterrent to aggression, and lead the deconfliction of numerous foreign warships and aircraft conducting operations in and around Albanian territory, improving the safety of all participants. The Staff's close coordination of multiple assets in, over, and off-shore of Albania ensured a successful security force with robust a force protection posture, allowing the American Embassy to continue to coordinate further evacuation operations and promote stability in Tirana. Throughout all taskings, Joint Task Force ***SILVER WAKE*** Staff was the vital element of success, exhibiting impressive flexibility in providing the force multiplier which kept hostilities in check and enabled safe evacuation of American and foreign citizens. By their exemplary performance of duty, the enlisted and officer personnel of Joint Task Force ***SILVER WAKE*** Staff have brought great credit to themselves and to the Department of Defense.